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USDA Rural Development Provides Grant For Energy Efficiency Improvements to Local Auto Business

Chadron, Neb., December 8, 2005-USDA Rural Development presented E & L Holdings, LLC with a \$57,940 energy efficiency improvements symbolic grant check today. Funds will complete substantial energy improvements to Eisenbarth Motors in Chadron.

“Congratulations to E & L Holdings, LLC on receipt of an USDA Rural Development energy grant to install new energy savers at their local auto business,” stated Cliff Kumm, assistant to the state director for USDA Rural Development in Nebraska. “USDA Rural Development’s energy program allows for energy efficiency improvements that help rural businesses reduce their costs and increase profitability. Dollars that are saved on energy are dollars that are available to be injected into Nebraska’s rural economy making it possible for rural communities to thrive.”

E & L Holdings, LLC, owners of Eisenbarth Motors, will utilize the USDA Rural Development energy grant to install a new heating/cooling system, insulation, windows and doors, lights and new oil burners for the shop at the automotive facility. These improvements will save over 32 percent in energy consumption totaling over 1 trillion British thermal units (BTUs) of energy and will return the cost of investment in 9.7 years.

Statewide, \$418,348 in energy grants were awarded by USDA Rural Development in Fiscal Year 2005 assisting in 36 energy efficiency improvements projects and 1 renewable energy. E & L Holdings, LLC was the largest energy grant recipient for Nebraska. The 2002 Farm Bill made available monies through the USDA Rural Development Energy Efficiency Improvements and Renewable Energy Systems program. Since the beginning of the program, Nebraska has received nearly \$778,000 for 57 energy projects.

Energy grants are awarded to farmers, ranchers, and for-profit small rural businesses for renewable energy systems such as wind, solar, biomass, biogas, or geothermal sources or hydrogen derived from biomass or water using wind, solar, or geothermal energy sources; and for energy efficiency improvement projects such as improvements to HVAC systems, insulation, refrigeration, lighting, pumping systems, air systems, motor systems, irrigation systems, etc.

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